

**Minutes from the Board of Health meeting held at 5:00 pm Thursday June 24th,
2021**

Present: Kenneth B. Lacey, Charlene Farris, Donald Makowski, Brianna Dunn, Tricia Valiton

Attendees: Ryan McNutt, Monica Clark, Bert Clark

Absent:

5:04 pm: Mr. Lacey calls meeting to order

5:05 pm: Ryan McNutt takes the floor to discuss the status, and potential direction of PMP (Palmer Motorsports Park) with the Board Members and the Clark's as they are affected by the sound that carries over to their residence. Mr. McNutt says PMP was originally taken to court because they violated condition 10 of their special permit, a judge found them to be in contempt and a trial was authorized. During the process of the trial additional sound testing at the park as been done. The Park needs to be below 50 decibels, and they have only failed at the entrance of the park during testing times. Mr. McNutt says that the owner of PMP Fred Ferguson has begun installing additional sound mitigation in April. The trial is due to end Friday, 6/25/2021. Mr. McNutt feels that one of the only ways the sound issues will be addressed in a manner that works for everyone is to negotiate with Fred Ferguson. He thinks that Mr. Ferguson may be open to compromise soon and has proposed a plan of having no more than 300 members so club of 30 cars are not running on the track at the same time. A plan like that would decrease the number of cars that run on the track at the same time, lowering the noise that travels. Mr. Ferguson may also compromise to have a few weekends during the months of operation where PMP does not run. Currently there are 28 weekends straight PMP operates.

The Clark's were in attendance for the second time this year (2021) because the noise levels that reach their home has been affecting their quality of life for 7 years according to them. Mr. Clark asks the board members if they see the problem. Mr. Lacey responds that he knows it has been a problem, but it is not worth going after PMP while they are in court and when they are out the Warren Board of Health can file a nuisance against PMP under Chapter 111 section 122, which refers to the nuisance regulations. He also asks Mr. McNutt if more data can be added to the sound study, which Mr. McNutt thought was a great idea. Mr. Lacey and Mr. McNutt both express that nobody has the authority to go in a shut PMP down because there are noise complaints, they have been permitted and are a legal business, these things take time, and due process must be followed. Mrs. Clark then asks if she wants to file a formal complaint and no longer wants to go through Mr. McNutt where she can file the formal complaint. Mr. McNutt tells her she can go to the town council and gives Lorinda Baker's email address Lbaker@townofpalmer.com. Mr. McNutt will keep the Warren Board of Health updated, come to meetings, whatever he can do to help. He would like to work with surrounding towns, Warren, and Ware, regarding the issues with PMP and residents but Mr. Ferguson also must be willing to negotiate.

5:59 pm: Mr. McNutt leaves

6:07 pm: Bills and Payroll

Mr. Makowski makes a motion to accept all bills and payroll Mrs. Farris seconds - AIF

- Solid Waste Solutions- 6/1/2021 (\$2,100.00)
- Slim's and Berthiaume- 6/9/2021 (\$150.00)
- Burdett's Trash Pick Up- 6/1/2021 (\$719.50)
- Lisa Meunier- 5/31/21 (\$50.00)
- Brianna Dunn- 6/5/21 (\$407.40), 6/12/21 (\$407.40), 6/19/21 (\$407.40), 5/29/21 (\$407.40)
- Tamara Dufresne – Month of May (\$75.00)
- Tamara Dufresne – Month of June (\$75.00)
- Brianna Dunn – Reimbursement for Bailey's Test Strips & Thermometers – 6/2/2021 (\$83.00)
- Brianna Dunn – Reimbursement for Baileys' Test Strips & Thermometers (\$83.00), State Bookstore 6/24/2021 (\$67.15), amazon (\$42.50) – 6/23/2021 total (\$192.65)
- Stericycle – waste pick up - 5/17/2021 (\$189.00)
- Orbis – compost bin shipping - 5/26/2021 (\$80.00)
- Orbis – compost bins -5/26/2021 (\$990.00)
- WB Mason – printer paper 5/26/2021 (\$48.53)
- WB Mason – (2) thermometer, alcohol prep pads, (2) binders, sheet protectors (\$65.47)
- Kerrin Graphics and Design – business cards for animal inspector - 6/9/2021 (\$40.50)
- VCA Wickaboag Animal Hospital – shipping of bat for rabies testing 6/8/2021 (\$50.00)
- Tricia Valiton – 6/24/2021 (\$630.00)
- Brianna Dunn – Mileage Reimbursement 5/26/21-6/28/2021 (\$119.60)

6:07 pm:

Mr. Makowski makes a motion to accept meeting minutes from 4/15/2021 and 5/20/2021 Mrs. Farris seconds – AIF

Business:

Slim's and Berthiaume Sewer Service Inc. was permitted for Septic Installers License Beaver Permit Application for mm 68.2 off I-90 was denied. The Board asks that Ms. Dunn resend the Warren application to Malcolm Speicher and when that is filled out contact Mr. Makowski.

Courtesy letter and tanning applications for the Town of Warren were approved by the board – Mrs. Farris motions to accept the letters and applications Mr. Makowski seconds – AIF

Mobile food truck permit application was approved – Mrs. Farris makes a motion to approve the application Mr. Makowski seconds – AIF

Solid Waste Solutions contract was signed by the board – this is the last year for SWS

Food Permit renewals were reviewed and approved – Mr. Makowski questions some. Picosso on Main is waiting for a hand sink to be installed that the health inspector is requiring. Tricia Valiton wants to make it to Roger’s Farm and ask some questions to figure what we need to permit at the establishment. Mr. Makowski also asks about Village Market. Ms. Valiton says they are not up to code they have no ventilations, there is some discrepancy with the 3-bay sink, but it is workable. Mr. Lacey asks that pictures be taken, and a plan be put in place for 90 or 180 days to start getting the establishment more up to code. There is no permit for soft serve in the town, a permit is required because of bacterial testing that needs to be done monthly with results sent to BOH. Ms. Valiton made Village Market aware of that and further discussion will be had about that.

Animal Regulations still need to be researched.

Permit Reviews will take place at our August meeting to change how food permits are worded and potentially prices.

Village Market – Ms. Valiton wants to make the board aware that they were selling tobacco without a permit since they have opened. She also wants to make the board aware the State permitted them to sell tobacco but never caught that they were not permitted by the town. Ms. Valiton provided some direction and guidance with signage etc. to Village Market. They have since taken care of the issue of not being permitted with the town for tobacco sales.

The Fire Department is working with the Baystate Health on holding a vaccine clinic. Mr. Lacey suggests we wait and see what the turnout is for that clinic before going forward with another clinic in town. Vaccines are readily available at any pharmacy now and should be easily accessible.

Complaints:

10 Lombard St. is bank owned – check with building department for information on property

225 Southbridge Rd. – waiting for animal regulations

1059 & 1061 Main St. – trying to work out a meeting with the Treasurer

Palmer Motorsports Park – complainants were in attendance with the Palmer Town Manager, and the Warren Board of Health

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Makowski – Board of Health Clerk

Date approved:

